

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived remain to comfort the
2 family and friends of James Dewey Welch of Mabank, who passed away
3 on March 15, 2019, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, James Welch was born in Caddo, Oklahoma, on
5 September 14, 1930, to Clyde and Beautrice Welch, and he grew up
6 with the companionship of a brother, Leslie, and two sisters,
7 Pauline and Wanda; he answered his nation's call to duty by joining
8 the U.S. Navy, and following his military service, he earned a
9 master's degree in education from Southeastern Oklahoma State
10 University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Welch was a longtime educator who taught at
12 several schools in Weslaco and Mesquite, where he touched the lives
13 of many students; after completing his career, he served as a member
14 of the Texas Retired Teachers Association and the Mesquite
15 Association of Retired School Employees; moreover, he was a valued
16 congregant of the Beacon Church of Christ, and in his leisure time,
17 he enjoyed pursuing his favorite hobby, fishing; and

18 WHEREAS, A caring family man, Mr. Welch shared more than 63
19 years of marriage with the love of his life, Sue Welch, and he was
20 the proud father of four children, Larry, Randy, Susan, and Danny;
21 he later experienced the joy of welcoming into his family six
22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, James Welch is deeply missed, and he will long be
24 remembered with warmth and affection by all who were fortunate

1 enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Dewey Welch
4 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his
5 wife, Sue Welch; to his children, Larry Welch and his wife, Deborah,
6 Randy Welch and his wife, Robin, and Susan Coleman and her husband,
7 David; to his grandchildren, Tierra Herrera, Raini Estrada,
8 Madeline Welch, Makenna Welch, Kyle Vyers, and Kristen Vyers; to
9 his great-grandchildren, Soren, Tessa, and Stormi; to his sister,
10 Wanda Pierce; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James
15 Welch.

Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 1308

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1308 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 3, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House